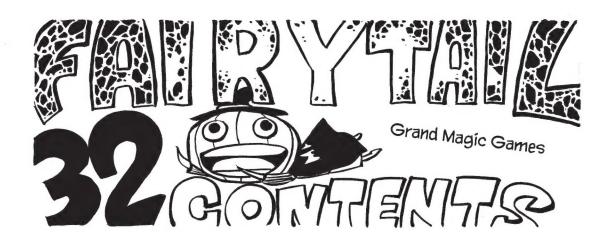




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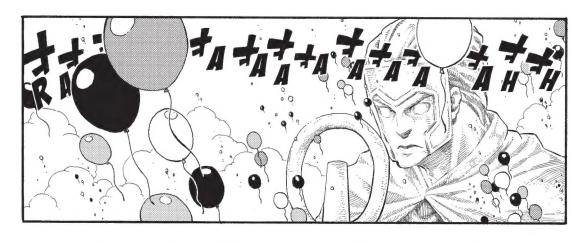
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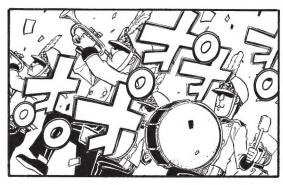
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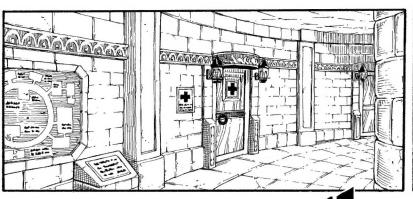
















































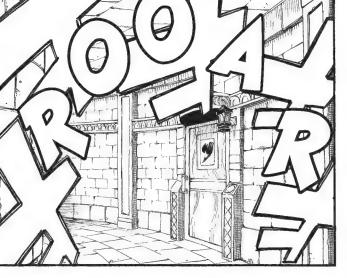




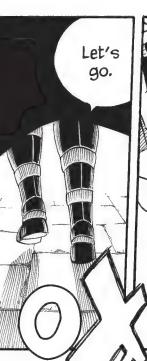




















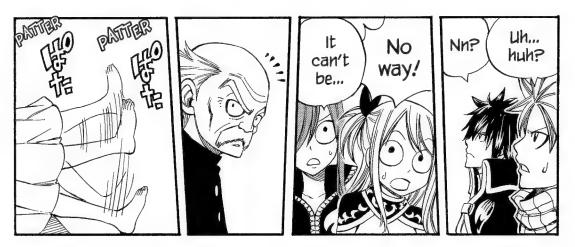
































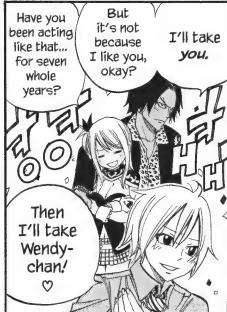


























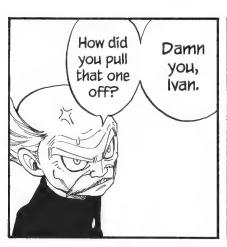












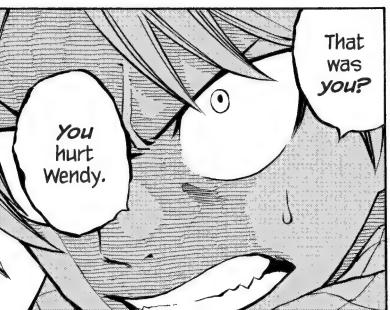
















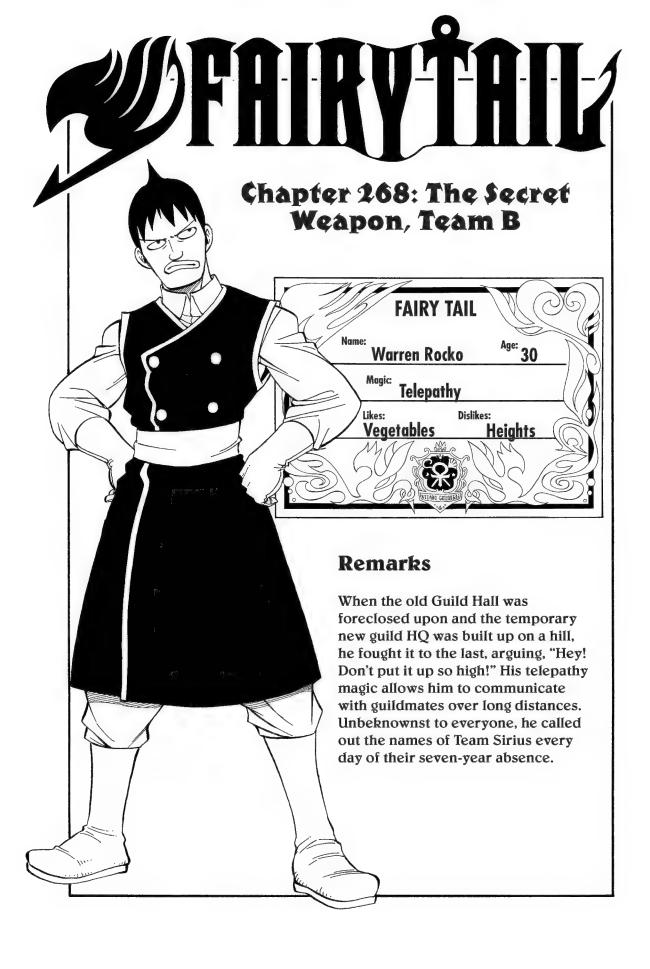




































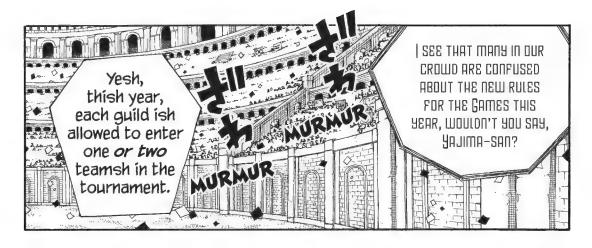






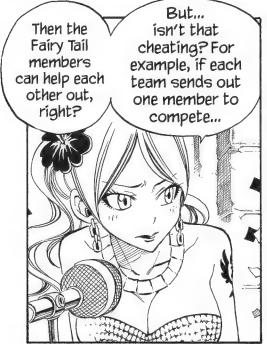


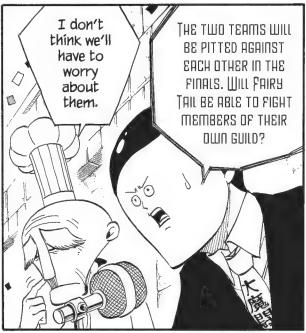




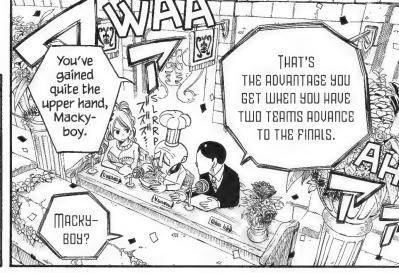


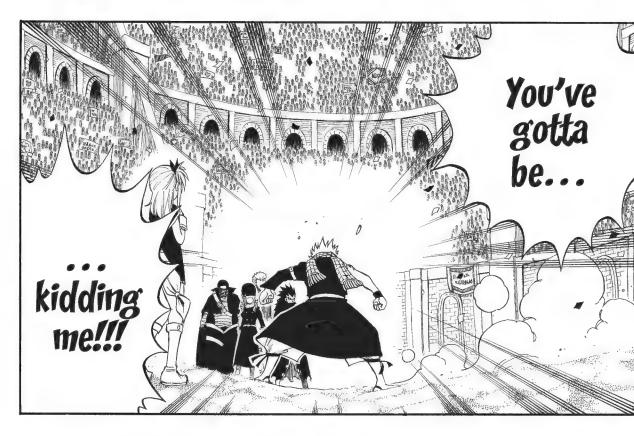


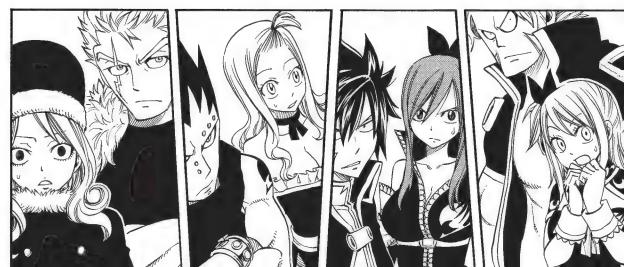










































































THE BATTLE

RULES ARE

SIMPLE. EACH

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LIKE SO.

THE WINNING TEAM
WILL BE AWARDED TEN
POINTS, AND THE LOSING
TEAM WILL GET ZERO. IN
CASE OF A DRAW, BOTH
TEAMS WILL RECEIVE
FIVE POINTS.

Team A VS Team B

Team C VS Team D

Team E VS Team F

Team 6 VS Team H

Win \rightarrow 20 Pt Lose \rightarrow 0 Pt Draw \rightarrow 5 Pt

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RULES ONCE ALL PARTICIPANTS

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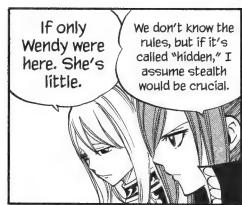




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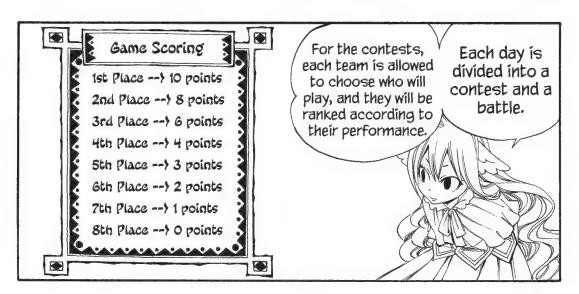


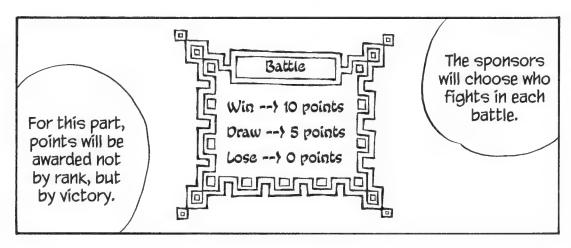


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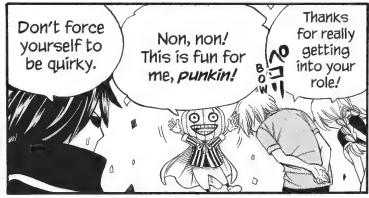


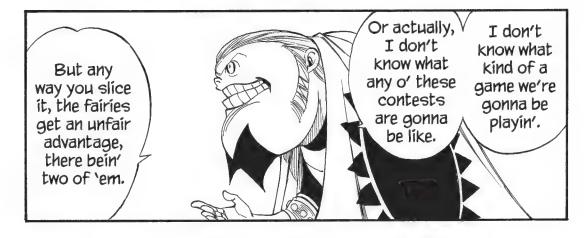










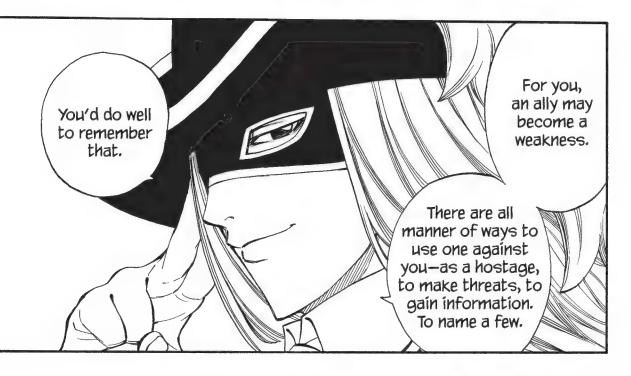










































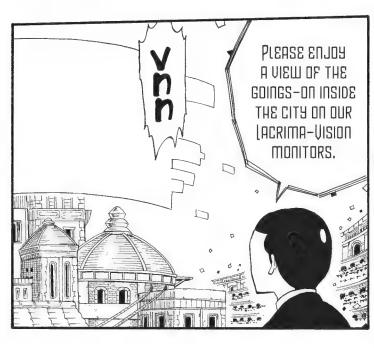










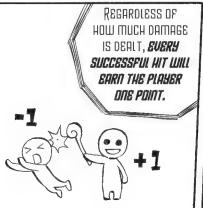












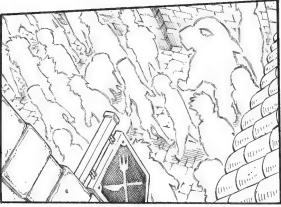






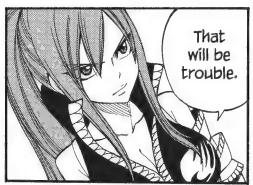














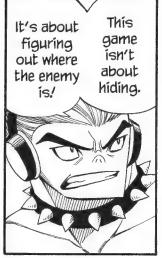








































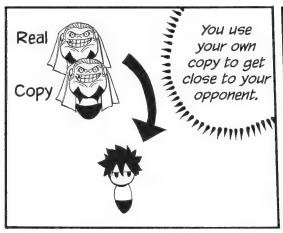
















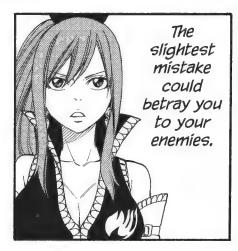












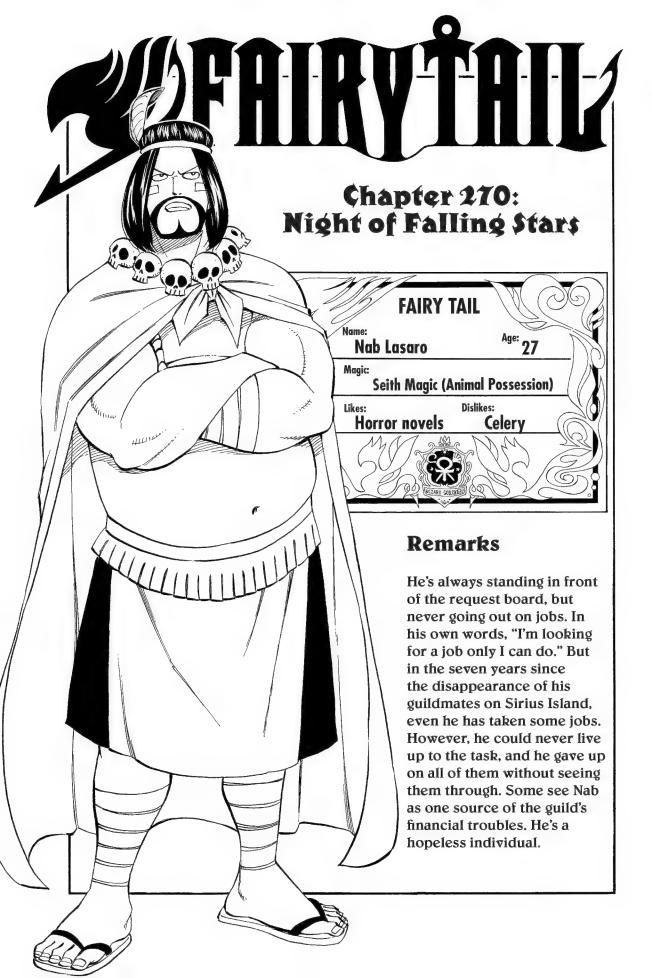


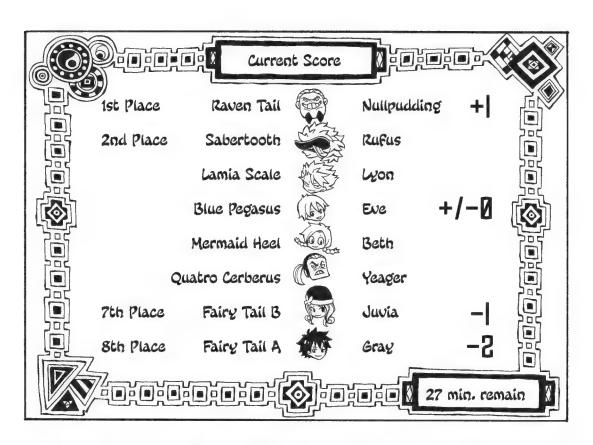






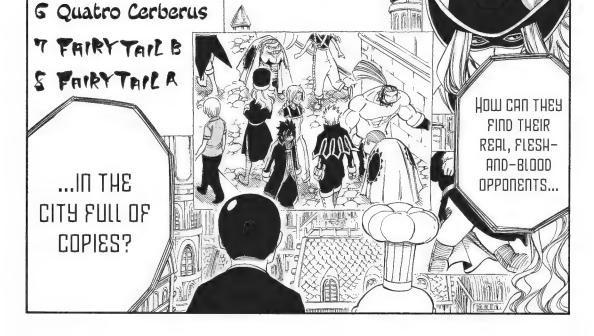










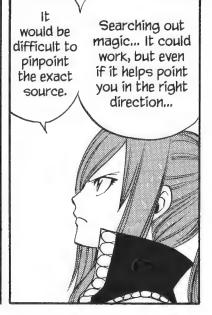




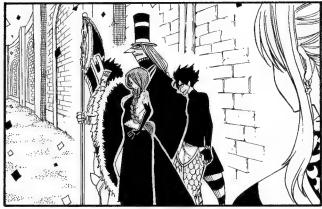


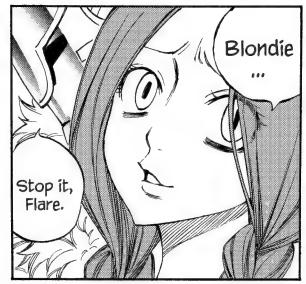


























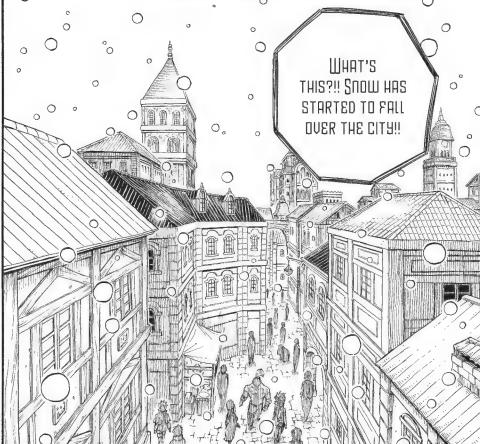








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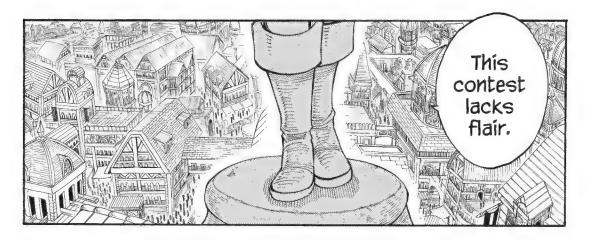


















































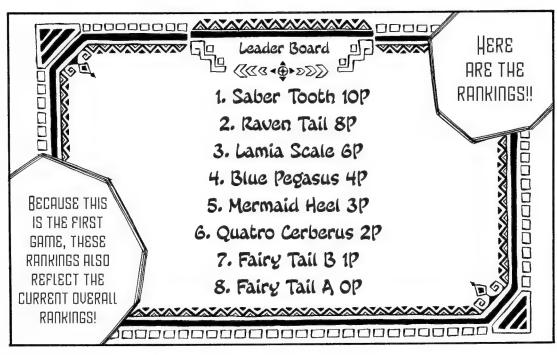


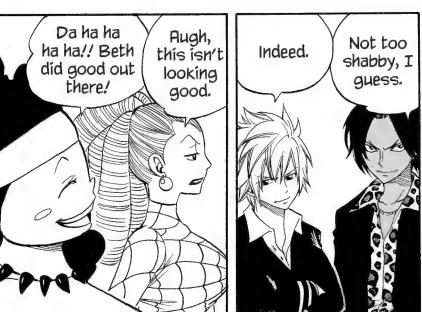
















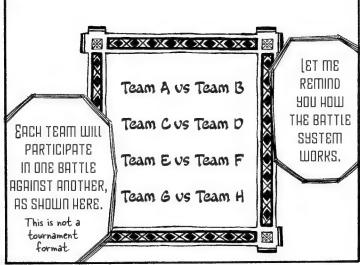




















Chapter 271: Lucy vs. Flare







I'm angry,























Competitors, step forward

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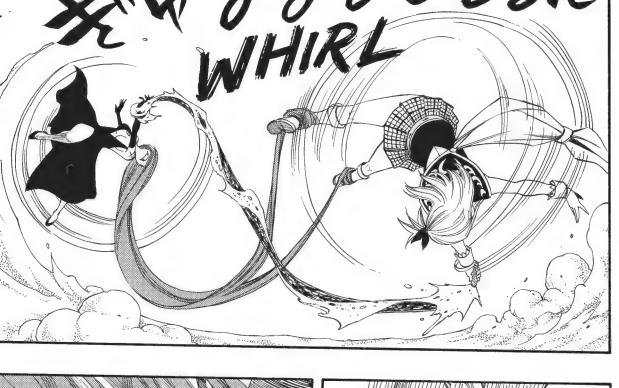


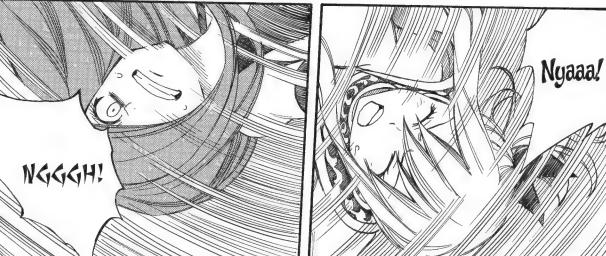




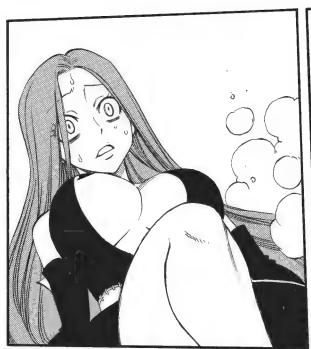
























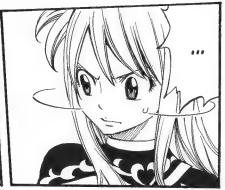






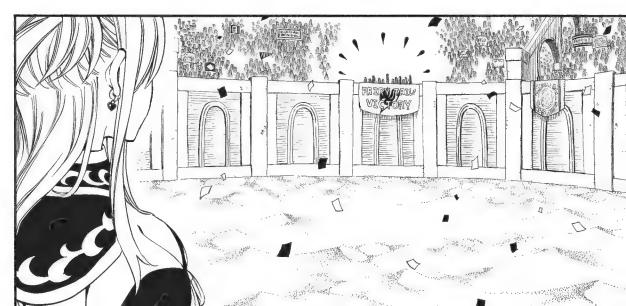
















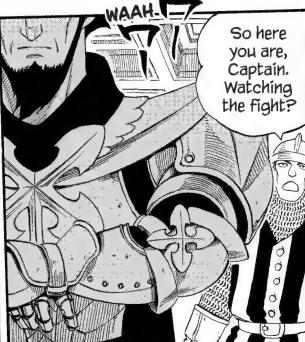




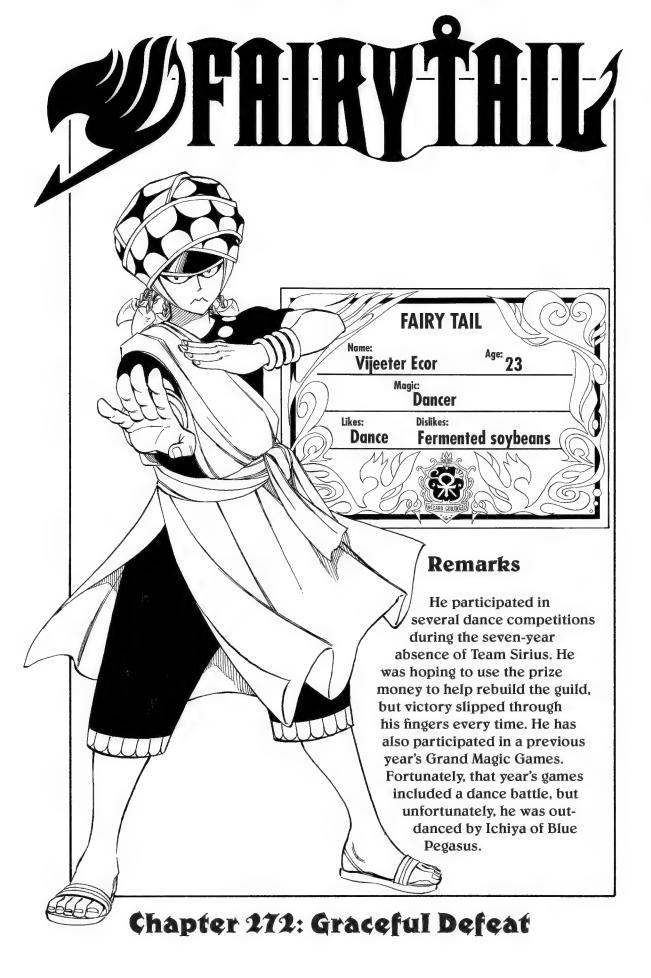




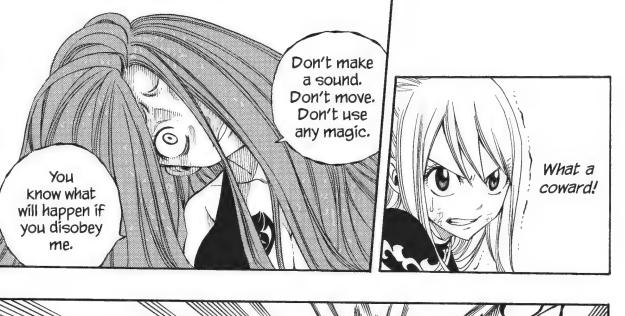




























































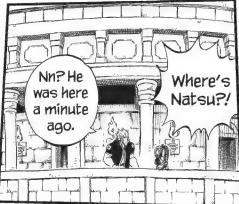


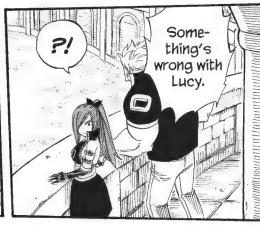




































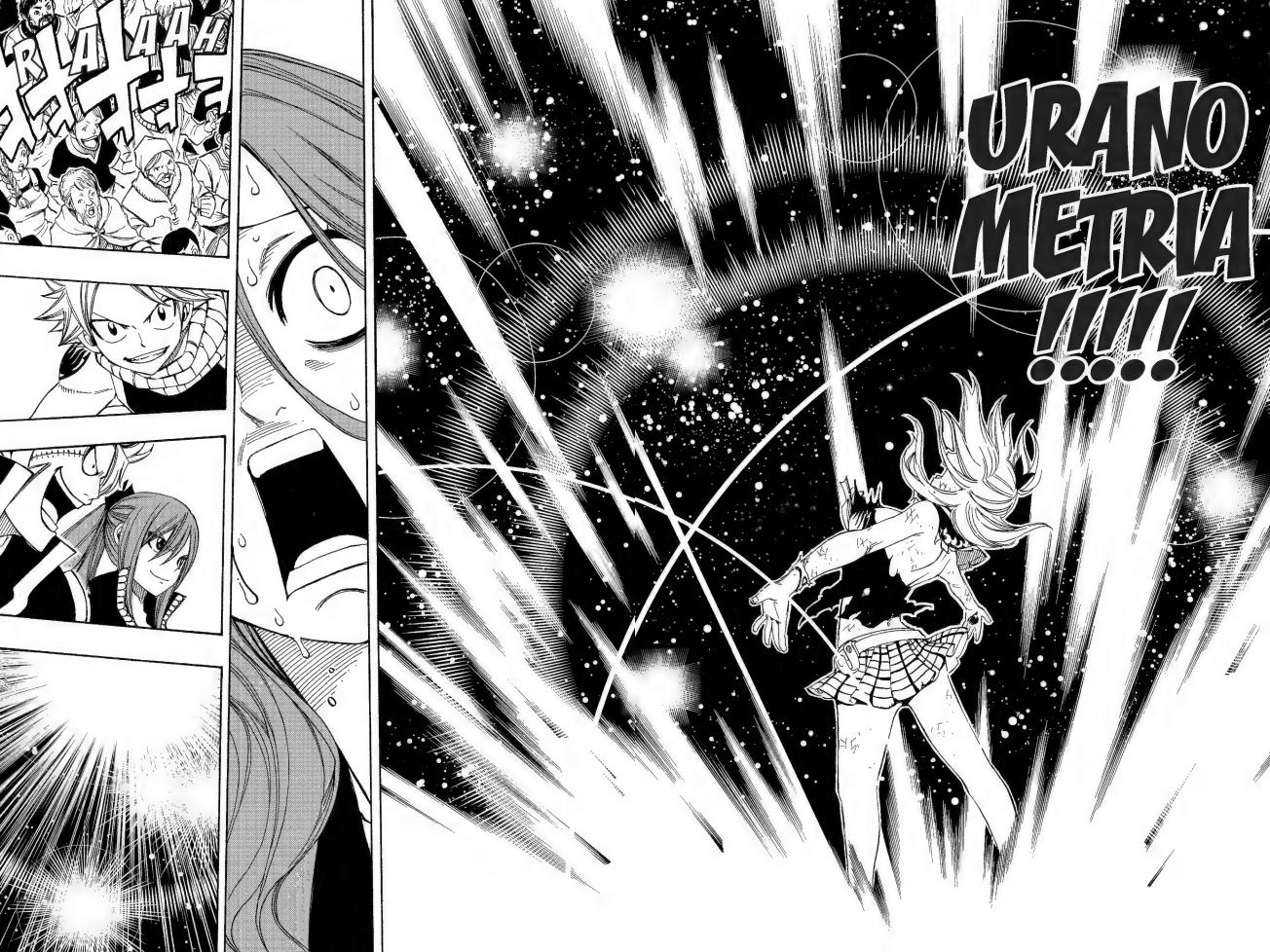






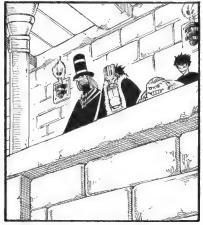


































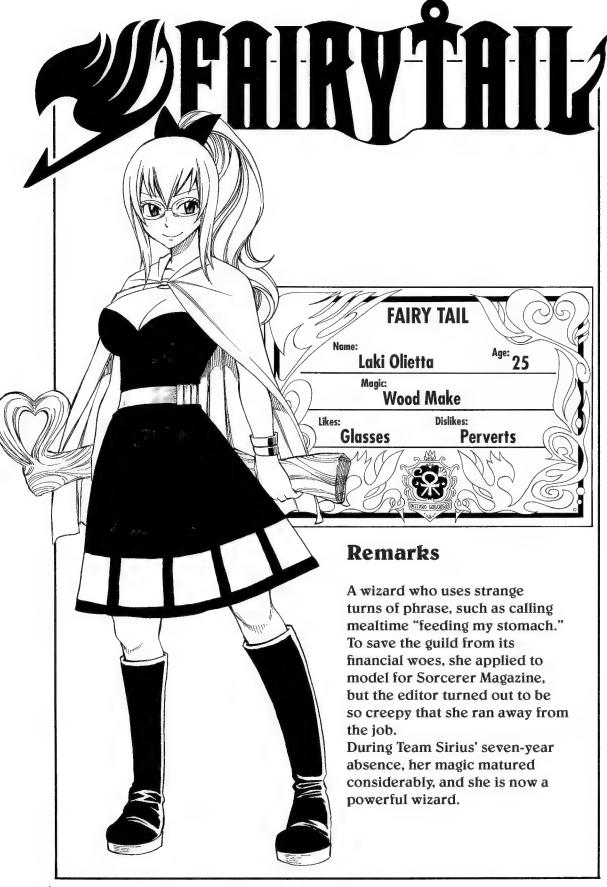








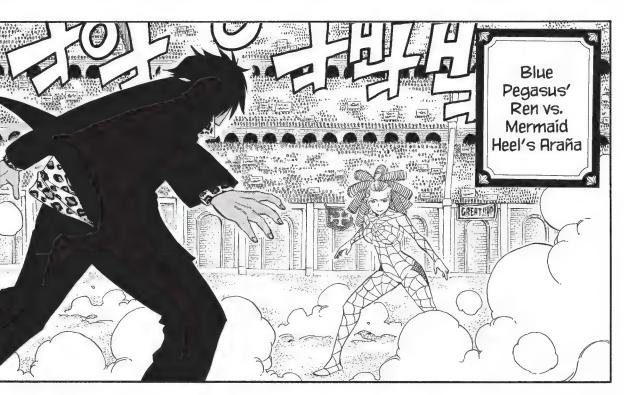




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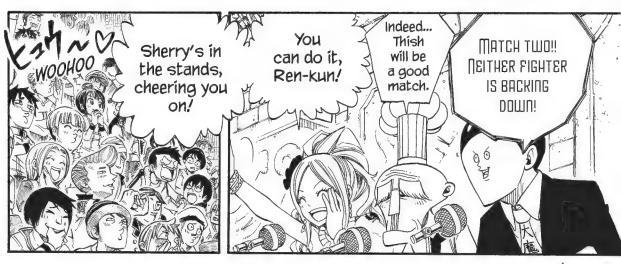
























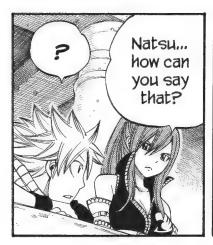








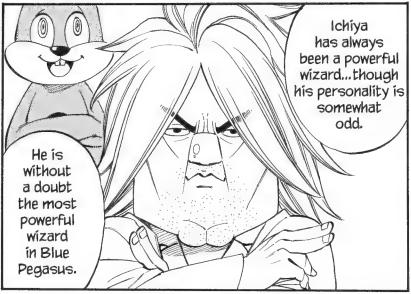




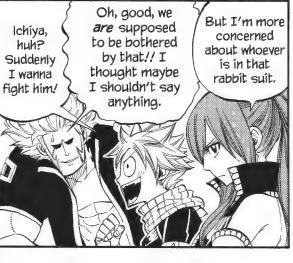








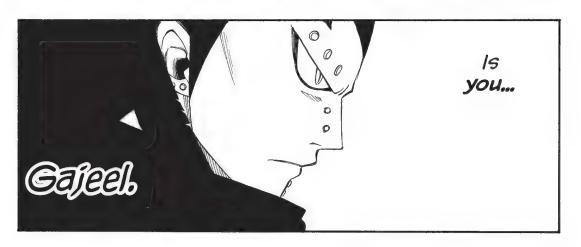














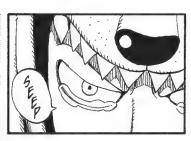
















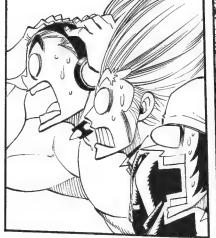






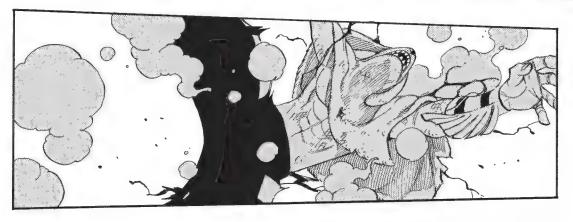
















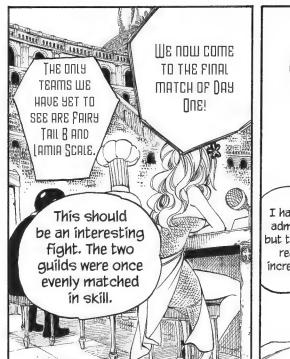
























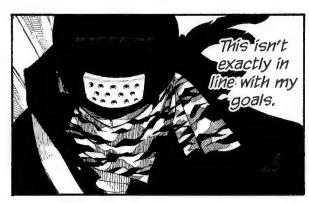




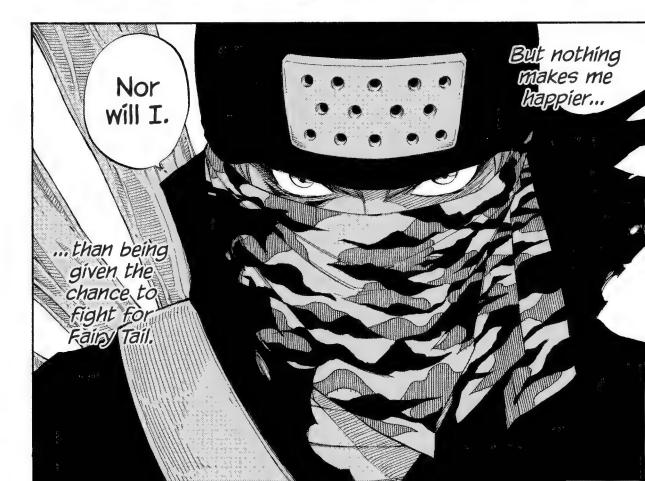


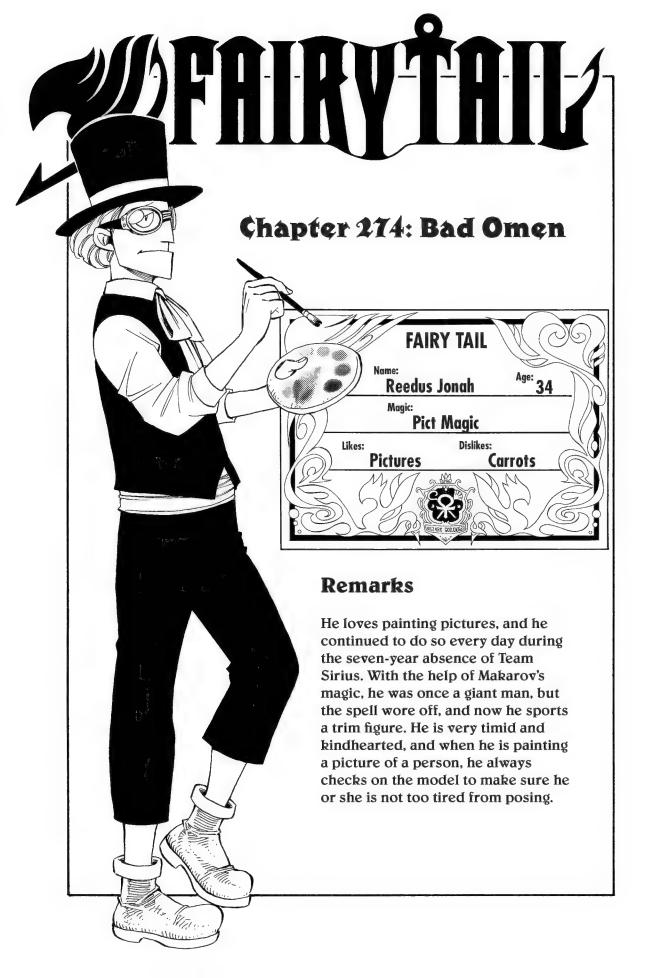










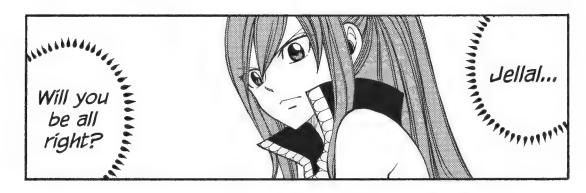
















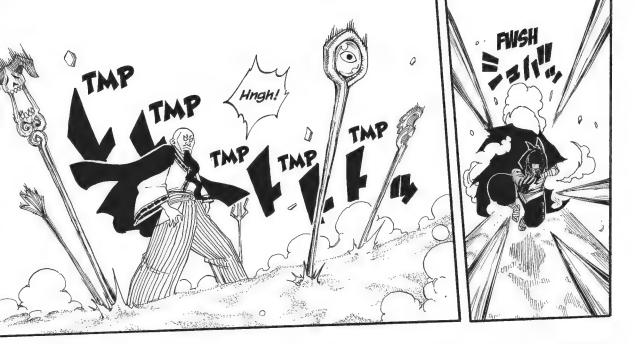


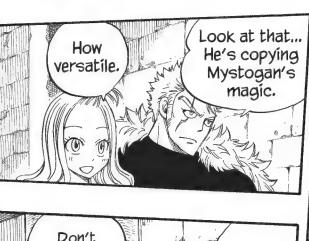






















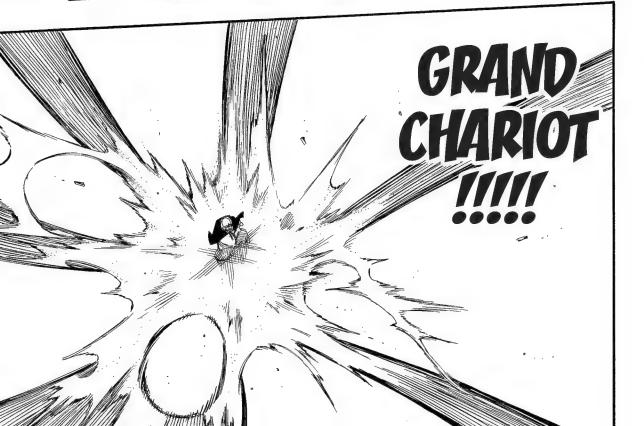






















































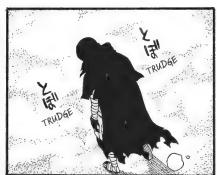






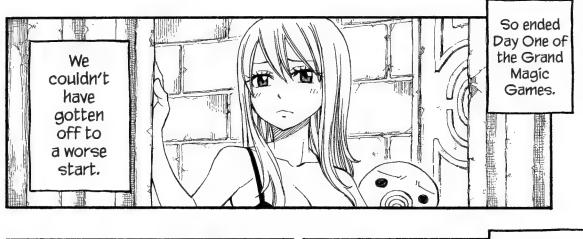




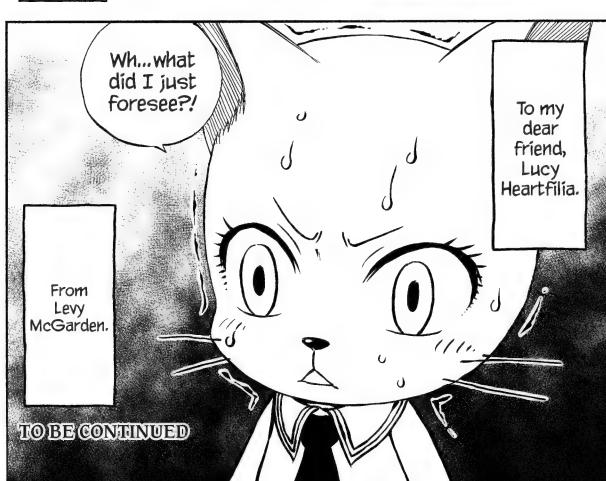












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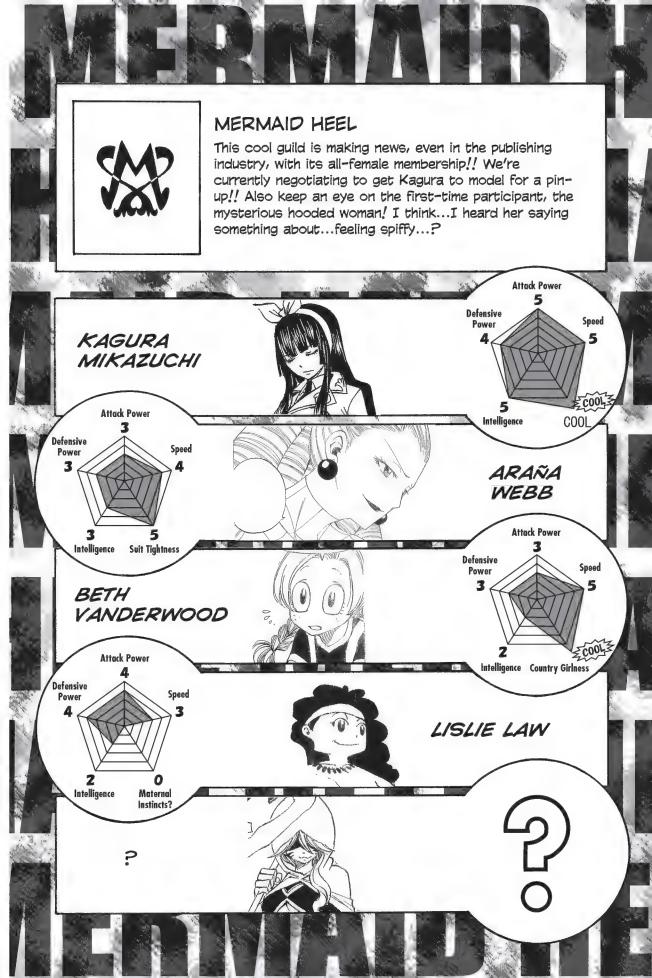
Seven years ago, Fairy Tail was the coolest guild in Fiore!! I have high hopes for the explosiveness of my favorite wizard, Natsu the Salamander!! In addition to the well-known powerhouses Erza and Gray, you should keep your eye on Lucy, with her hidden, unknown potential!! And Elfman!! He's a real man!! Cool!!













QUATRO CERBERUS

Wild...Fwooh!! If you ask who's the manliest guild in Fiore, the answer's gotta be Cerberus!! Cool!! I visited for interviews once, and they had a super cool manly stench!! I hear they've got *the* Bacchus as a reserve member, so they may be this year's dark horse.

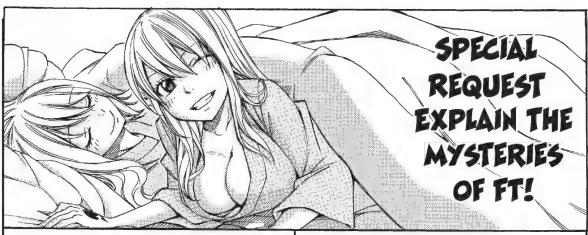


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As you all know, this is *the* cool, unstoppable, all-powerful guild. They rocked the continent by taking first place in last year's games, and are now the number one guild in all Fiore!! The twin dragons Sting and Rogue, the powerhouse Olga, the intellectual Rufus—not a chink to be found in this guild's armor. That Yukino girl wasn't in last year's games, was she?!







From the Akane Resort

Lucy: Mountain lion pon!!

Mira: We haven't heard that in a



:So the Grand Magic Games have started.



: Yes, and somehow I've been entered, too. I don't know what will happen.

Lucy: Now let's get to the questions!

Is Wendy out of the Games now?



Mira: We get this question a lot.

Lucy: It just goes to show how much people like Wendy.

Mira: Don't worry! From the sounds of things, we're allowed to have reserve team members!

Lucy: Get well soon, Wendy!!

Mira: We all want to see your powered-up magic.

Lucy: The next question:

Why is Lamia Scale's Toby wearing a sock around his neck?





:I've been assured that there is a reason.



: You're kidding!

Mira: It may be revealed in the next volume.

Did Jellal and Erza kiss?





:Where did that come from?!!

Mira: You could say they did, or you could say they didn't.

Lucy: K...kissed...

Mira: Why is your face so red, Lucy?

LUCY: Because!



Continued from the left-hand page.



:Isn't it more fun to leave things to the imagination?



: Th-the imagination? Nnngh...

Why is Elfman suddenly so muscly?



Mira: It's a result of his training.

Lucy: He really did get gigantic.

Mira: We ate a lot during those three months. Maybe he went through a growth spurt.

Lucy: You didn't gain any weight, Mira-san?

Mira: I gained a little, but I lost it quickly! \bigcirc Don't tell anyone.

Did one of the Raven Tail members disappear once the Grand Magic Games started?





: You're right. Who is that?

Mira: This is one of the disadvantages of drawing manga without really thinking about it.

Lucy: Don't tell them he's not thinking, Mira-san!

Mira: This is true of all guilds, but there are actually a lot more members

than the famous ones who stand out all the time.

Lucy: And one of those inconspicuous members just happened to show up in this panel.

Mira: Let's go with that! ♡

In Chapter 261, who were each of the guys hoping to see naked?





:How should we know?!!



:I came up with my own theory, though.

Natsu --> Lucy Gray --> Juvia Jet --> Levy

Droy --> All of them
Does that work?

Lucy: Why would Nateu be trying to see me?

Mira: Oh right! He's probably tired of seeing you naked.



:I've never once let him see me naked!!

Mira: But has he seen you naked?



:...yes



: You are so cute, Lucy.



:Ugh!! I'm so embarrassed!! Moooun-taaain liioon pon!!

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black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a FAIRY TAIL signed mini poster! Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

Ibaraki Prefecture, Kae Shibata



▲ We get a lot (x10) of pictures of Mavis!! That's why she's back in the



▲ His name is Griff. I hope you keep reading!



▲ There will be more questions answered than usual in this volume's Q&A comer.



▲ It's a very fairy taleesque Mira-san.

Chiba Prefecture, Rika Namino



▲ I kinda like those giant raindrops!



▲ You like Erza, huh? I see. Thank you!

The Fairy Tail guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in



▲ So cute! What does Happy look so unhappy about?



reading!!

Saga Prefecture, I Love FT



▲ Whoa!! Awesome! This must have been

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Hokkaido, Kureha



support!! I'll do my best!!

Chiba Prefecture, Miyu Esashika



▲ Levy's pet shop sure has a lot of weird animals! So soothing.

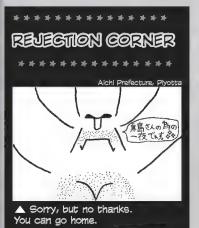
Saitama Prefecture, Miyana

▲Ohh!! Awesome!! I'm all fired up!!



▲ Oooohh!! Sexy!! Gimme more of these!

▲ Will the score between these guilds be settled?!



Rejected Chapter Title Page (unfinished)



ANORONAL SOLD STATES

There are, like, a million characters!! I was like, "You're still adding more?!" I created them, and I still can't keep track of them all. There really are a ton of characters, but to be frank, there's no need to remember them all. You should be able to follow the story as long as you can remember each guild's name. So do that, 'kay?

I wrote this somewhere before, but this arc is like a Fairy Tail compilation arc. You'll see a lot of familiar characters, and later on, I plan to take the story and run with it in a really crazy direction. If you readers who've been with me since all the way back at volume one were surprised, or confused, when you found out that the monologues in this volume weren't Lucy, that's exactly what I was going for. I hope you'll have fun imagining all the possibilities.

Come to think of it, recently I have gotten a ridiculous amount of Mavis pictures for our Guild d'Art corner. Seriously. I'd say at least one out of every five pictures has Mavis in it (laughs). I definitely was not planning to do it, but due to her immense popularity, I brought her back into the story. And so, I know this is out of the blue, but here are the character rankings for characters that defied my popularity expectations!!

This is not based on any solid data, but...

4th Place: Lily

5th Place: Cobra

1st Place: Mavis I had no idea she'd be so popular.

2nd Place: Merudy But she was supposed to be the weakest of the Seven Kin.

3rd Place: Levy She's been promoted from extra to main character. Wow!

I guess he's more popular now that he's small? Yeah.

Hmm... This one's a mystery. Even I can't explain it.



Grand Magic Games outline Hidden

FTA, Gray: - 1 +1

FTB, Juvia: - 1+1 -

Lamia, Lyon: - 1+1+1

Pegasus, Eve: +1 +1 +3 +

Mermaid, Beth: -1

Cerberus, Big Guy: -1

Raven, Chin Face: +2+1-

Sabre, Rufus: +7



Raven Woman

2 O Hibiki vs Mermaid X
one of his ex-girlfriends

3 O Sabre Vs Cerberus X

1 A Laxus Vs Jura A



Memory Make Magic

FTA O FTB 6

Lamia 11 Pegasus 14

Mermaid 3

Cerberus 2

Raven 18

Sabre 20

Day One

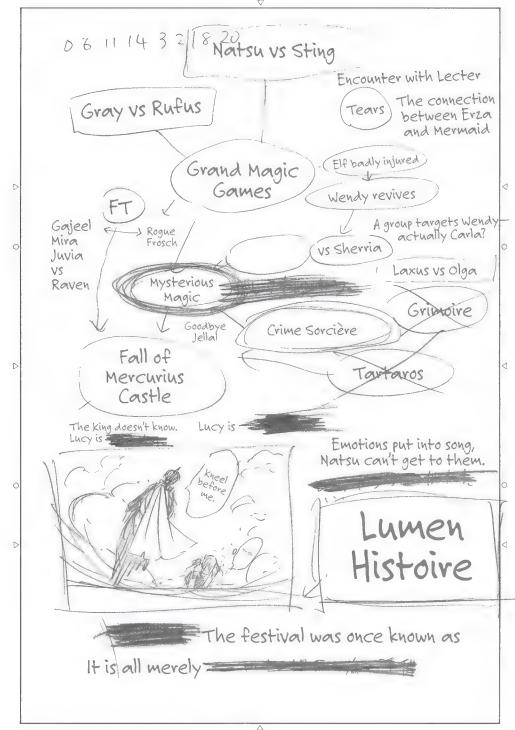
(Tavern)

Members of FT party.

A powerful member of Cerberus appears.

Developments in the love triangle between

Lyon, Gray, and Juvia.



None of this is set in stone. These were notes I took during production.

FROM HIRD MASHINA



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This is a screen grab from the PSP game, Fairy Tail: Zeref's Awakening. This is how a worthless adult plays. Actually, you can put them in even more risqué outfits, but you're going to have to do that on your own. But seriously, this game is amazing!! It's enough fun just getting to change all their clothes, but for some characters, you can even change their hairstyles! I hope you all get a chance to play it!!

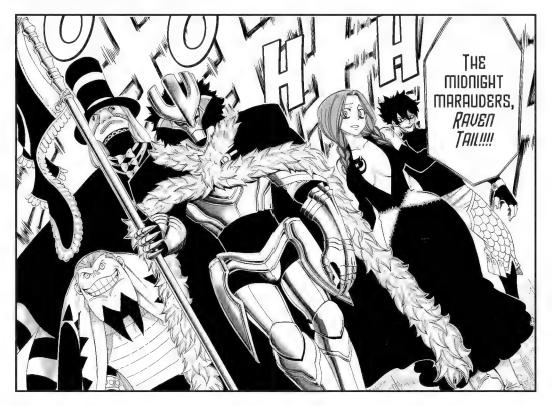
Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 18,

Midnight marauders

The term Mr. Lola used to describe Raven Tail was yûgekitai, which translates roughly to "irregular military force." It refers to a specialized military unit that is flexible as to its main duty and changes strategy as the circumstances require. That didn't seem very catchy, so alliteration won the day. The term "marauder" might not help Raven Tail prove that they're no longer a dark guild, but somehow I don't think they'll mind too much.



Page 40, Cheering for Eve

For the curious, the English version of this cheer was modified a little from the Japanese. Ichiya leads his team in a cheer that goes something like this, "Evekun! (Eve-kun!) He's our first player! (He's our first player!) And ready! Wasshoi, wasshoi!" Wasshoi is a word used for getting the team pumped up and doesn't really have a translation (except for "heave ho," because it's also used when carrying the portable, but heavy, shrine at festivals).

Page 147, Warcry's tears

You can already see the pun with War**cry**, but it's even punnier in Japanese, where the pronunciation of the word "war" drops the R and sounds very much like "woe." Even without the English meaning of the word "woe," the sound is commonly used in mournful wailing.

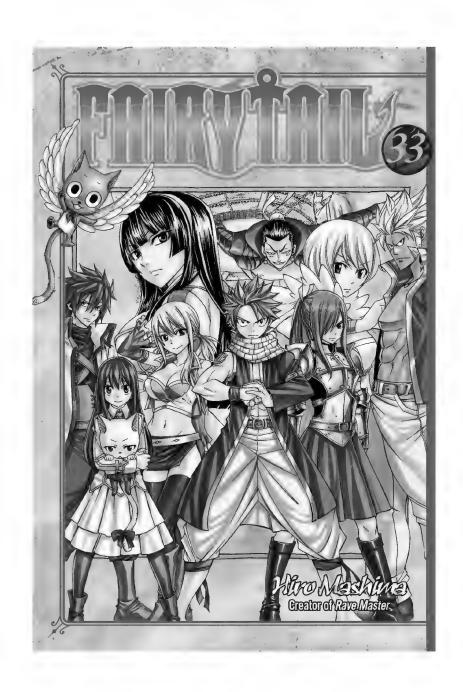


Page 154, "I got this...I mean, you can count on me"

This is Jellal's attempt to sound more like Mystogan. A more literal translation would be, "I...I mean, I'll handle this." He started by using the very informal first-person pronoun *ore*, then, remembering his character, he switches to the more formal, more polite *watashi*, both of which translate to "I."

Preview of Fairy Tail, volume 33

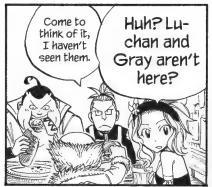
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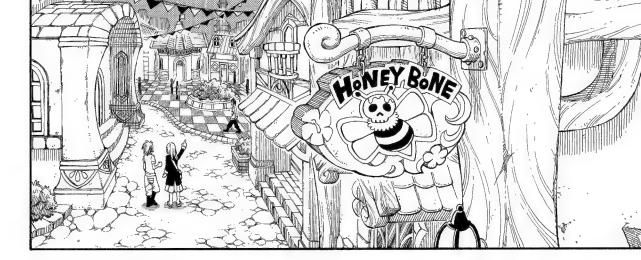


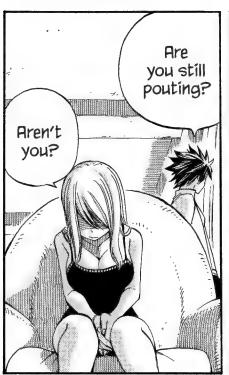


























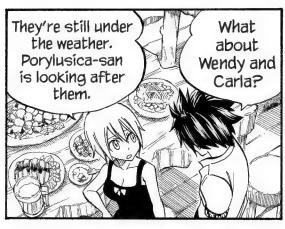


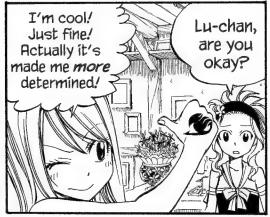












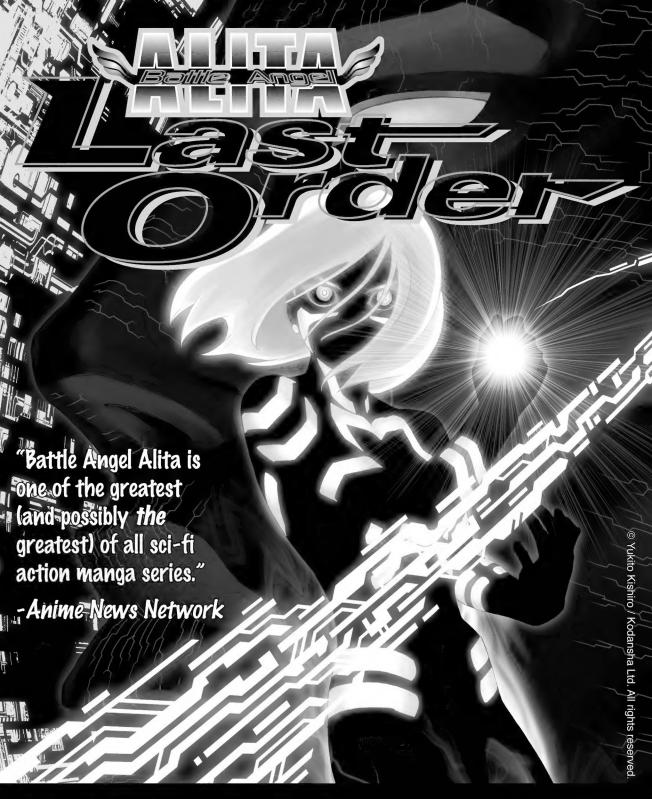












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